

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY:

#195-28-11-8210

Complainant Information:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: W H. T. E. SIDE

Home Telephone Number: _____

Work Telephone Number: _____

Cellular Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Complaint Information:

Date of Incident: MAY 1st 2011 Time of Incident: MORNING

Applicator type involved (check one): ☐ Commercial Company; ☐ Farmer; ☐ Homeowner; ☐ Other

Name of applicator (if known): NOT KNOWN

Company Name (if known): 11

Address: 11

Telephone Number: _____ County: _____

Method of application (please check): ☐ Ground or ☐ Aerial; ☐ Liquid spray or ☐ Granular

Weather information: _____

Chemical involved (if known): _____

Specific nature of the complaint: _____

(If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form)

Signature: _____

Date: MAY 18, 2011

Witness Information (other than complainant):

Name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Address: _____



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November 22, 2011

Dear [REDACTED]

The Department has completed its investigation into your complaint concerning the possible misuse of a pesticide. During this inspection, the Department's representative could not confirm that your dead bees were due to a pesticide application. Metribuzin, an active ingredient in a product applied nearby, was not detected via laboratory analysis of dead bees. The product labels from all of the pesticides applied did not contain any restrictions on their use due to concerns with honeybees. If the products were toxic to honeybees, the labels would have indicated that fact. Evidence linking the death of your bees to the pesticide application could not be verified.

Since the Department is unable to prove that a pesticide misuse occurred, we are unable to pursue an enforcement action under the Illinois Pesticide Act.

I appreciate your concern about the Illinois environment and the proper use of pesticides. It is our goal to both ensure the proper use of pesticide products as well as protect the environment we all depend upon. Thank you for your concern, assistance and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Warren D. Goetsch, P.E.
Bureau Chief

cc: 195-28-11-8210
Jeremy Venhuizen
Mark Cinnamon

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PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY:

Advisory Letter

Date: July 21, 2011

Complainant Information:

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City, State, Zip: Morrison, IL 61270
County: Whiteside
Home Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Work Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Cellular Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Complaint Information:

Date of Incident: 07/19/2011 Time of Incident: 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Applicator type involved (check one): ☒ Commercial Company; ☐ Farmer; ☐ Homeowner; ☐ Other
Name of applicator (if known): Keith Conklen Jr.
Company Name (if known):
Address: 24487 Fulfs Rd.
Sterling, IL. 61081
Telephone Number: (815) 625-7149 County: Whiteside
Method of application (please check): ☒ Ground or ☐ Aerial; ☒ Liquid spray or ☐ Granular
Weather information: Sunny with temperature above 90
Chemical involved (if known): Mustang Max + Round-up
Specific nature of the complaint:

I have 20 hives of bees no more than 150 ft. from the field where the Mustang Max was applied. The soybeans were blooming and due to the time of day, the bees were actively flying. The label for Mustang Max says it is highly toxic to bees both as a direct spray and as a residual and should not be applied to areas where plants and weeds are blooming. My hives and location are registered with the Illinois Department of Ag so I can be notified of a pending pesticide application near my hives. When a previous application of Round-up alone was made to the same field earlier in the season, the owner notified me but he was on vacation when this incident occurred. My hives are plainly visible from the field but Mr. Conklen paid no attention to the label. The target pest was Japanese beetle but Mr. Conklen did not know if they were in the field or damage they were doing.

(If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form)

Signature [REDACTED]

Date: July 21 2011

Witness Information (other than complainant):

Name: _____ Telephone number: _____
Address: _____



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August 31, 2011

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

The Department has completed its investigation into your complaint concerning the possible misuse of a pesticide. During an inspection, the Department's representative did ascertain that a violation of the Illinois Pesticide Act occurred during the application of a pesticide.

Since there was a violation, as a result of a pesticide application, an enforcement action was pursued by the Department under the Illinois Pesticide Act. This resulted in an Advisory Letter being issued to Mr. Keith Conklin, Jr., 24487 Fulfs Road, Sterling, IL 61081.

I appreciate your concern about the Illinois environment and the proper use of pesticides. It is our goal to both ensure the proper use of pesticide products as well as protect the environment we all depend upon. Thank you for your concern, assistance and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Warren D. Goetsch

Warren D. Goetsch, P.E.
Bureau Chief

cc: 195-28-11-8404
Jeremy Venhuizen
Mark Cinnamon



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ADVISORY LETTER

Illinois Pesticide Act

August 31, 2011

Mr. Keith Conklin, Jr.
24487 Fulfs Road
Sterling, IL 61081

Dear Mr. Conklen:

This letter is a formal advisory that you have violated Section 14(1)(D) of the Illinois Pesticide Act (415 ILCS 60/14(1)(D)) in that you applied the pesticide Hero in violation of the label directions.

On August 1, 2011, a representative of the Illinois Department of Agriculture conducted an investigation near Morrison, Illinois concerning the possible misuse of a pesticide. The Department's investigation has revealed that the pesticide was applied contrary to label directions. The label for Hero states: *"This product is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or residues on blooming crops or weeds. Do not apply this product . . . to blooming crops if bees are visiting the treatment area."* An application of Hero was made mid-day while bees from a neighboring apiary were out foraging.

This advisory letter will remain on file with the Department for three years and will be utilized in the assessing of points for any future violations of the Illinois Pesticide Act (415 ILCS 60/1 *et seq.*). If future violations are found, appropriate action will be taken as authorized by the aforementioned Act. Pursuant to the Department's Administrative Rules (8 Ill. Admin. Code 1.200 *et seq.*), you have the right to appeal the issuance of this Advisory Letter by filing a petition with the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, feel free to contact Mr. Scott Frank or me at 217-785-2427.

Sincerely,

Warren D. Goetsch, P.E.
Bureau Chief

cc: Jeremy Venhuizen
Mark Cinnamon
195-28-11-8404

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY:

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No Misuse

Complainant Information:

Date: July 28 2011

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Kings IL 61068

City, State, Zip: _____

County: OGLE

Home Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Work Telephone Number: SAME

Cellular Telephone Number: SAME

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Complaint Information:

Date of Incident: 28 July 2011 Time of Incident: 3:50 to 6:59

Applicator type involved (check one): ☐ Commercial Company; ☐ Farmer; ☐ Homeowner; ☒ Other

Name of applicator (if known): CROP DUSTER

Company Name (if known): TAIL # 502MH

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ County: OGLE

Method of application (please check): ☐ Ground or ☒ Aerial; ☒ Liquid spray or ☐ Granular

Weather information: JUST FINISHED RAINING IN THE MORNING

Chemical involved (if known): _____

Specific nature of the complaint: FLYING TO CLOSE TO PROPERTY

AND VERY CLOSE TO BUILDINGS & HOUSE

WE ARE REGISTERED AS BEE KEEPERS AND WERE

NOT NOTIFIED OF THIS DLY BY

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Signature [REDACTED]

Date: July 28 2011

Witness Information (other than complainant):

Name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

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September 21, 2011

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

The Department has completed its investigation into your complaint concerning the possible misuse of a pesticide. During this inspection, the Department's representative could not find evidence to substantiate the claim of a pesticide misuse. Evidence could not be obtained to verify that the field in question was actually sprayed aerially this summer.

Since the Department is unable to prove that a pesticide misuse occurred, we are unable to pursue an enforcement action related to the alleged off-target movement of the pesticide under the Illinois Pesticide Act.

I appreciate your concern about the Illinois environment and the proper use of pesticides. It is our goal to both ensure the proper use of pesticide products as well as protect the environment we all depend upon. Thank you for your concern, assistance and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Warren D. Goetsch, P.E.
Bureau Chief

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